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1. THE TEXT OF THE US VIEWS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
WERE GIVEN TO THE QUAI OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ILO
MATTERS, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DELABRE, A LABOR
MINISTRY OFFICER RESIDENT IN LYON. AFTER REVIEWING
THE POINTS, THE QUAI OFFICIAL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD
AND SYMPATHIZED WITH THEIR INTENT, BUT NOTED THAT

THE US WAS IN THE DIFFICULT POSITION OF BEING A PARTY TO DEVELOPMENTS WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE. HE SAID THAT THE TEXT WOULD BE SENT TO DELABRE IMMEDIATELY.

2. THERE THEN FOLLOWED A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE ILO SITUATION, IN GENERAL, DURING WHICH QUAI OFFICIAL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE ILO PROBLEM CANNOT BE SEEN IN ISOLATION, BUT MUST BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL LABOR SCENE IN EUROPE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE EXISTENCE OF A STRONG SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL; A WEAK AND DIVIDED ICFTU, WCL, AND ETUC; AND A WFTU THAT REMAINS STRONG AND PURPOSEFUL. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE US TO RETURN TO THE SCENE, AND QUICKLY.

B. THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT AMERICA'S FRIENDS CAN DO IN THE ILO WITHOUT HER. FRANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, TRIED TO USE THE FINANCIAL STICK TO INFLUENCE THE ORGANIZATION, BUT WAS OUTFLANKED BY THE NORDICS WHO, BY INSISTANCE ON BEING GENEROUS FOR GENEROSITY'S SAKE, THREATENED TO MAKE THE GOF LOOK BAD.

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C. THE ABSENCE OF THE US HAS ALSO REMOVED ONE OF THE TWO POLES BETWEEN WHICH THE OTHER POWERS BARGAINED OUT COMPROMISES. WITH THE US GONE, THE TENDENCY IS FOR EVERYTHING TO SHIFT TOWARDS THE LEFT: TOWARDS THE USSR.

D. THERE IS ANOTHER REAL DANGER IN THE US STAYING OUT TOO LONG: ITS FRIENDS WILL GET USED TO WORKING WITHOUT IT.

3. DURING THE CONVERSATION, THE QUAI OFFICIAL ALSO NOTED THE EXISTENCE OF RUMORS THAT AMERICAN LABOR AND BUSINESS MAY BE PLANNING ON SETTING UP RIVAL MACHINERY TO THE ILO, AND SO HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO THAT BODY; BUT THAT HE DISCOUNTED THOSE STORIES.

4. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN CONTEXT THE OFFICIAL'S REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR THE US TO RETURN TO THE EUROPEAN LABOR SCENE, AND QUICKLY, OBVIOUSLY WAS NOT JUST A REFERENCE TO THE ILO.
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